(b) and (c) In addition to the benefits of increase in income arising from the general growth process, Government is implementing a number of anti-poverty programme which either provide wage or self employment or generate assets to raise the standard of living of poor. The major anti-poverty Schemes are Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana, Swarna Jayanti Gram Swarogzar Yojana. National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana, Antyodaya Anna Yojana, Indira Awaas Yojana and Mid-day Meal Scheme.

NPAs of Public Sector Banks

1927. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total Non-Performing Assets (NPA) of public sector banks as on 31 March, 2007;

(b) the total tax arrears as on 31 March, 2007;

(c) the total reserve and surplus of Central PSUs as on 31 March, 2007;

(d) the total foreign exchange reserve as on 31 March, 2007;

(e) whether any part of the above is being targeted as investible surplus;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(h) the total public investment as estimated for 2007-08 in agriculture, health, education social security schemes and infrastructure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a), (b) and (d) As on 31st March 2007, the gross Non-performing Assets of public sector banks, total amount of tax arrears of the Government of India on account of Central Excise, Customs Duty, Service Tax and Foreign Exchange Reserves (including gold, Special Drawing Rights and Reserve Tranche Position) are as under:-

Gross NPAs of public sector banks	Tax Arrears	Foreign Exchange Reserve
Rs. 38,974 crore	Rs. 26,375 crore	US$199.18 billion

As far as direct taxes are concerned, the total demand outstanding on 31.3.2007 was Rs. 1,16,453 crore, out of which Rs. 12,539 crore is recoverable for the year 2006-07.

(e) to (g) The entire foreign exchange reserve of the country are invested in multi-currency, multi- market portfolios. The main objectives of such investment are safety and liquidity while maximizing returns.

(c) and (h) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House to the extent available.